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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT - CASE OF MRS. NGUYEN HUU D
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1. NO MEMBER EMBASSY STAFF HAS TELEPHONED OR OTHERWISE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SENATOR CRANSTON'S OFFICE REGARDING MRS. DUC. AS DOUBLE CHECK ON THIS WE HAVE VERIFIED THAT NO PHONE CALL TO SENATOR CRANSTON'S OFFICE WAS MADE FROM EMBASSY ON JUNE 16. FURTHERMORE, NO STAFF MEMBER BY NAME OF KIM HAS BEEN CONNECTED IN ANY WAY WITH THIS OR ANY OTHER REFUGEE CASE.

2. UPON RECEIPT OF DEPARTMENT'S FIRST TELEGRAM NO. 135137 CONCERNING MRS. DUC, WE TELEPHONEJAHED AND INVIZUD HER TO COME TO EMBASSY. SHE APPEARED A FEW DAYS LATER AT WHICH TIME WE ASKED HER TO COMPLETE OUR SPECIAL REFUGEE QUESTIONNAIRE. IT WAS NOT UNTIL JUNE 16, THAT SHE COMPLETED AND RETURNED THE FORM.

3. MRS. DUC'S REPLIES TO OUR QUESTIONNAIRE REVEALED THAT SHE IS NOT VIETNAMESE BUT A KOREAN CITIZEN WHO CARRIES A KOREAN PASSPORT. SHE CAME TO KOREA FROM VIETNAM ON APRIL 19, PRIOR TO THE GENERAL EVACUATION AND IS NOW RESIDING AT HER FORMER ADDRESS IN SEOUL. IT WAS NOT CLEAR TO EMBASSY WHETHER MRS. DUC'S CASE FITTED THE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDELINES AND WE THEREFORE SENT SEOUL'S 4375 ASKING FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S OPINION. WE STILL NEED THAT
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4. EMBASSY FULLY UNDERTANDS DEPARTMENT'S DIRECTIVES CONCERNING THESE CASES AS EVIDENCED BY THE MORE THAN 200 REFUGEE CASES WE HAVE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT DURING PAST WEEK. I HOPE THAT IN THE FUTURE IF THE EMBASSY IS TO BE ACCUSED OF MISUNDERSTANDING WE WOULD FIRST BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE THE FACTS.
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